

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for cutting a texture employing a conveyor belt conveying the texture and a cutter for cutting the texture ~~characterized by~~ comprising the steps ~~step~~ of running a synchronizing member between the texture and the conveyor belt synchronized with a horizontal movement of the cutter; and cutting the texture which is not in contact with the conveyor belt by using the cutter.

2-10. (cancelled)

11. (new) A method for cutting a texture, comprising the steps of:

running a conveyor belt to convey a texture along the conveyor belt;

horizontally moving a cutter positioned above the conveyor belt to provide a horizontal movement of the cutter;

running a synchronizing member between the texture and the conveyor belt, the running of the synchronizing member being synchronized with the horizontal movement of the cutter; and

cutting the texture with the cutter with the texture not in contact with the conveyor belt.

12. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein, the synchronizing member is positioned in contact with a bottom surface of the texture and a top surface of the conveyor belt during the cutting of the texture by the cutter.

13. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein,
a concave portion formed on a top surface of the synchronizing member is in contact with the bottom surface of the texture, and the cutter in contact with the texture is moved downward while the texture is held by the synchronizing member.